GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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AMENDING LAWS FOR MANAGING HEALTH SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is contemplating to amend the laws to fully empower local bodies for effective management of the health system in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Union Government is likely to convene any meeting in this regard before amending the law; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d) : Under the 73rd and 74th Amendment of the constitution, primary health is one of the 29 subjects transferred to the local bodies. Under the National Rural Health Mission, in accordance with the Constitutional amendment, decentralization within the framework of Panchayati Raj Institutions is seen as a necessary precondition for delivery of quality health services to the people. In view of the above, states have the flexibility to undertake measures in accordance with the constitutional amendment for effective implementation of National Rural Health Mission.